

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 29,2001.

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 106-142 were rejected.

Claims 106, 110, 111, 112, 114, and 115 are amended herein.

Claims 106-142 are pending.

AMENDMENTS:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite Pages 8 and 31 in their entirety as follows (the changes on these pages from the previous version to the rewritten version are shown in Appendix A, with brackets for deleted matter):

percutaneously implant cells in a blood vessel or to transform in vivo cells present on the wall of a patient's blood vessel.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Thus, in one embodiment, the present invention is used to treat diseases, such as inherited diseases, systemic diseases, diseases of the cardiovascular system, diseases of particular organs, or tumors by instilling normal or transformed cells or by transforming cells.

E' The cells which may be instilled in the present method include endothelium, smooth muscle, and parenchymal cells. These cells may produce proteins which may have a therapeutic or diagnostic effect and which may be naturally occurring or arise from recombinant genetic material.

Referring now to the figures, wherein like reference numerals designate identical or corresponding parts throughout the several views, and more particularly to FIGURE 1 thereof, this figure illustrates the practice of the present invention with a catheter having a design as disclosed in U.S. Patent 4,636,195, which is hereby incorporated by reference. This catheter may be used to provide normal or genetically altered cells on the walls of a vessel or

endothelial, insulin, diphtheria toxin, pertussis toxin, cholera toxin, soluble CD4 and derivatives thereof, and growth hormone to treat diseases.

The present method may also use exogenous proteins of diagnostic value. For example, a marker protein, such as β -galactosidase, may be used to monitor cell migration.

It is preferred, that the cells caused to express the exogenous therapeutic agent protein be endothelial cells.

Other features of the present invention will become apparent in the course of the following descriptions of exemplary embodiments which are given for illustration of the invention and are not intended to be limiting thereof.

5² The data reported below demonstrate the feasibility of endothelial cell transfer and gene transplantation; that endothelial cells may be stably implanted in situ on the arterial wall by catheterization and express a recombinant marker protein, β -galactosidase, in vivo.

Because atherogenesis in swine has similarities to humans, an inbred pig strain, the Yucatan minipig (Charles River Laboratories, Inc., Wilmington, MA), was chosen as an animal model (1). A primary endothelial cell line was established from the internal jugular